

## 1 | Hope City Council Meeting February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Mayor Ryff called the February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 regular council meeting to order at 7:00pm and Mayor Ryff led the council in the pledge of alliance. Mayor Larry Ryff asked for roll call, it showed the following present: Jared Morgan, Carol Lauxman, Gordon Hunnicutt, David Wendt and David VanHook.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Jared Morgan motioned to dispense reading the previous meeting minutes and approve them as they were written. Carol Lauxman seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Appropriation Ordinance: The Council reviewed the Appropriation Ordinance. Carol Lauxman moved to approve the Appropriation Ordinance#1079 and Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Financial Statement: Heather Stackley said that she changed last month's statement because of the accidental zero that made it look like we had a million dollars. Jared Morgan motioned to approve the revised December financial statement and January's financial statement Carol Lauxman seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Sheriff's Report: Mayor Ryff said the officer had showed up and then explained that he was just dropping off the report. He suggested that I call him if there were any questions.

Visitors: No Visitors

New Business: Mayor Ryff said first is an employment contract from the city attorney Brian Bina. Mayor Ryff explained that the contract was basically a renewal and it was the same as last year's contract. Jared said he felt like Mr. Bina was doing good the Mayor agreed. Jared Morgan made a motion to extend the contract another year and Carol Lauxman seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Mayor Ryff said next is a crossing permit for the Diamond Vista Wind project. He said he had some questions, so he made a call and found out that it would be an overhead transmission crossing. He said that it had been sent on to Brian Bina, Brian had consulted their attorney and his questions had been answered as well. David VanHook made a motion to approve the crossing for the Diamond Vista Wind Project and Gordon Hunnicutt second the motion and the motion passed 5-0. Mayor Ryff said next is a Cereal Malt Beverage License for the American Legion here in Hope. David VanHook made a motion to approve the CMB License for the American Legion Jared Morgan second the motion and the motion carried 5-0. Next the Mayor said that he wanted to find who the Council would like to appoint for the Council President. Carol Lauxman made a motion for Jared Morgan to

continue to be the Council President and Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Mayor Ryff said item C. Annexation was next on the agenda, he said he thought that Mr. Hirsch was going to be here tonight to discuss his request to be annexed into the city limits. Mayor Ryff said after looking into the boundaries the line is Mr. Hirsch's west fence. He said Mr. Hirsch does have Hope City water, sewer and trash service. Jared Morgan then asked what it take to annex Mr. Hirsch. Mayor Ryff said that the city attorney had been consulted and his reply was in the Council's binder. First the Mayor said Mr. Hirsch would have to make a formal request with a petition, if the Council approves the request the City then has to petition the County Commission on Mr. Hirsch's behalf for their approval. A lengthy discussion took place among the Mayor and Council. Afterwards Mayor Ryff directed me to contact Mr. Hirsch to make sure he was serious about being annexed and if he is to let him know the City needed him to present a formal request with a petition. Mayor Ryff said next is city clean-up, he said basically he had me contact Blixt Construction and get some information. Gordon Hunnicutt said he could read the information, but he didn't really know what it was all about. Mayor Ryff said that we would take a step back. He explained that at the community meeting that we had last month that we had talked about a couple of programs that we could be eligible for and that we could possibly be able to get grants to help clean up the city. So, if the city is interested in participating in one of these programs Nichole said that there would need to be some clean-up done prior to submitting an application. Mayor Ryff explained that is why we were discussing having a town clean-up. A very lengthy discussion took place among the Council and Mayor. Mayor Ryff suggested after having discussed things that they all think about it put it on hold until we get the list from Nichole then continue discussing it at our next meeting. Mayor Ryff said the last of the new business is the information from the Kansas Rural Water Association's conference in Wichita. He wanted to see if the Council would like to send anyone to the conference. Jared Morgan said it didn't appear there was much that we would benefit from. He said he thought we could skip this one. Mayor Ryff said he would like to focus on what workshops that were needed to get Billy certified. Jared Morgan agreed.

Old Business: Mayor Ryff said back in December that there had been a list of items and repairs that were needed that had been voted on. He said the mower was left out of that. He said his comment on that is the City's current mower has been nickeling and diming us for the last couple of years. He said if the city is keeping the mower then it would need to be taken back to Manhattan to be fixed. Billy said he agreed with Larry that it was something

every time he needed to use it. A discussion took place among the Council Mayor and Billy. Jared Morgan said to simplify the process he would like to make a motion to give a budget of \$11000.00 to the Equipment committee to purchase a new mower. Another discussion took place about the different brands of mowers. Afterwards David Wendt seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. Gordon Hunnicutt said he would get with Billy and David VanHook to go look at the mowers together.

Maintenance Report: Billy said that they got the heaters in the at the bathrooms and they seemed to be working good. He said the did pull the knobs off the heaters because someone was turning the up. Chad didn't have time to wire new thermostats, so he suggested to take the knobs off to see if that would fix the problem for now. He Billy said since he took the knobs off there hadn't been any problems. He said he had flushed the hydrants once it had warmed up after they had to shut the water down to repair a water leak. He said he notice during the fall festival that they were short some barricades, and since this is the slow time of the year he decided to build some. The front tire on the backhoe kept losing air, so he had it repaired. He said Tim with Dr. Dozer had been down several times and got the repairs done on the backhoe. Billy said he had gotten the caps from Ryan and had put those on as well. He said the backhoe seems to be fully functionable and running well. Billy said he had a water leak over by the Catholic Hall. He said after talking with the previous maintenance men he got it located. He said it was all in PVC, but they repaired it with Pex tubing. Billy said they had taken down the Christmas lights as well.

Clerks Report: I ran reports and reviewed them then processed the W2's, W3's, 1099's and 1096's. Emailed Nichole to set -up the Community Meeting at the annex. Forwarded the information on to Dan Coup to keep him in the loop. We put signs up, Dan had it put on their Facebook page online and I put it on the City's website as well. Made all the quarterly payments. Received an email about the City's SAM's registration about to expire, so I went on the website and updated the information. We are now good until next year. I received a call From Lauren Brown, she is the attorney for the Diamond Vista Wind Project. She wanted the City to allow the project to cross over the water transmission line that carries the city's water from Herington. I forwarded the information to Mr. Bina to review. I also received an employment contract from Mr. Bina for 2018 that needed approval from the Council. Nichole McDaniel sent an email letting me know that she had heard that Commerce was sending out emails to the City's that had been awarded CDBG grants. The next day I received an email from Commerce stating that we had been awarded the CDBG grant. ☺

The hardcopy of the letter came in the mail at the end of the week. I sent Mayor Jones of Herington a reminder email about getting a water contract negotiated.

Mayor Ryff asked if there were any Standing & Special Committee Report. There were none.

Mayor's Discussion: Mayor Ryff said he really didn't have a whole lot. He said he did want to let the Council know that this year when they took down Christmas light he told Billy to tell Chad Lorson to send a bill for helping to put the lights up and taking them down. He said that in the past the City always tried getting the job done for free. The Mayor said that he felt like it was only right that whoever helped with the Christmas lights should be paid for the use of their bucket truck and time. So, that's why he had Billy tell Chad to send the City a bill. He just wanted the Council to be made aware. He said that was all he had, and he would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Carol Lauxman made a motion to adjourn Jared Morgan seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

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Larry Ryff, Mayor

Attest:

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Joni Rikard, City Clerk